



College of Science Names New Associate Dean of Graduate Studies



BOCA RATON, Fla. (Oct. 18, 2017) – Ken Dawson-Scully, Ph.D., has been named the new associate dean for graduate studies in the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. He starts his new role Jan. 2. Dawson-Scully has been serving as associate director for the FAU Brain Institute and as an associate professor in the Department of Biological Sciences.

In his new role at the College of Science, Dawson-Scully will oversee faculty and course credentialing, academic appeals hearings and the college graduate program committee. He will also represent the dean to the Graduate College, the university graduate council, and the university graduate programs committee, and represent the college to the NAVITAS program.

"With his broad range of experiences at FAU, Dr. Dawson-Scully is an excellent fit to the position of associate dean for graduate studies in the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science," said Dean Ata Sarajedini. "I am looking forward to working with him on a number of projects in the area of graduate studies."

Dawson-Scully completed his doctoral degree in neurophysiology at the University of Toronto. After spending time in the private sector and as a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Toronto, he joined FAU in 2008 as an assistant professor and also served as the associate director for the Integrative Biology Ph.D. Program for three years.

Dawson-Scully's work with his former student, Stacee Caplan, Ph.D., to find a treatment for a specific type of debilitating migraine headache, resulted in the biotech spinoff company Neuro Pharmalogics Inc., which earned a spot in FAU Tech Runway's Venture Class 4. In 2016, their company was designated the Tech Runway Neuroscience Pillar awardee, and Dawson-Scully was the recent recipient of the 2017 Distinguished Researcher Award by the FAU Research Park.

"Ken has been critical to the successful launch of the Brain Institute, particularly in helping us pursue our graduate education initiatives," said Randy D. Blakely, Ph.D., FAU Brain Institute executive director. "Although he will be greatly missed by our team, we are all delighted to see him moving to such an important leadership position. He will do a great job."